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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Zuker *et al.*

Application No.: 09/361,652

Filed: July 27, 1999

For: **NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A
G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR
INVOLVED IN SENSORY TRANSDUCTION**

Examiner: Brannock, Michael

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AMENDMENT

Art Unit 1646
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed April 7, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for three months, from July 7, 2000, to October 7, 2000, is enclosed (in triplicate). Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 9-11, 13, 14, 16-18, and 61-63, as follows.